

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the specification for improper use of the reference numeral 26, when numeral 114 was intended. Applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing out this mistake, and appropriate correction has been entered in the amendments to the specification presented here.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 as being anticipated by U.S. Application Publication No. 2003/0039577 to Nelson. In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to more specifically claim the structure of the light module and its incorporation into an air treatment unit in accordance with Applicant's invention. Due to these structural amendments, the claims cannot be anticipated by Nelson. Particularly, the light module includes a housing that provides a lip that is selectively engaged with the top of the air treatment duct. A side wall extends down from this lip and connects the baffle to the lip. Thus, the housing actually extends somewhat into the duct and provides the baffle extending across the air path defined by the duct. This is not shown in Nelson, wherein the duct ends below the connection of bulb holder 30, which the Examiner cites as satisfying the baffle of the claims. Additionally, in accordance with the amended claims, the connector that helps feed power to the light source socket from the module power socket is located at the lip of the housing. In order to remove the light module (for example, for replacement), it is necessary to remove the lip of the housing from its selective engagement with the top of the air treatment duct, and such movement results in the disconnection of the mating between the connector and the module power socket. Thus, the ultraviolet light source is powered off before the housing can be fully removed from the air treatment duct. This ensures that an individual will not be directly exposed to UV light when replacing a light module. Also, alignment between the connector and the module power socket is easy to accomplish because they are located at the top of the module. In Nelson, aligning the light source with its socket would be very difficult due to the fact that these elements are located in the interior of the device.

In light of the structural distinctions in the light module of this invention and the advantages presented thereby, reconsideration is respectfully requested, and a Notice of Allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

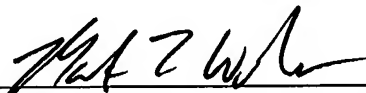
Applicant notes that much of the functional-type language of the claims has been amended in light of the fact that the claims now claim certain elements as already being selectively engaged. For example, rather than continuing to claim "a light module *that selectively engages said air treatment duct, said light module* comprising," Applicant now claims a light module that has a housing with a lip that is selectively engaged with the air treatment duct. The meaning of the claim with respect to selective engagement of various elements has not changed.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the foregoing in more detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

A request for a one-month extension of time is being submitted with this Amendment. A check in the amount of \$60.00 is also enclosed in payment of the extension fee.

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